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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR

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U.S. patents/patent publications:

5,998,096: Discloses a process for producing a polymer or a crosslinked article having a region in which the polymerization rate or crosslinking rate is varied, comprising irradiating a photopolymerizable substance or photo-crosslinkable substance with laser light having an uneven distribution of intensity, wherein the process is suitable for mass production of polymerization rate- or crosslinking rate-distributed articles; and

2002/0169505: Discloses a method for creating shaped implants, such as intraocular lenses in vivo, as well as the novel implants themselves so as to create an implant in vivo and to adjust either the physical properties such as refractive index, viscosity, etc., mechanical properties such as modulus, tensile strength, tear, etc., or the shape of the implant by noninvasive means.

Copies of and foreign references referenced above are hereby submitted with the filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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